

What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high, making noise? Or is it on the ground, digging in leaves?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a crow, or small like a sparrow? Does it have pointy wings, or a long tail? What color is it? And what sort of markings does it have?

These things can help you identify the birds you are looking at!

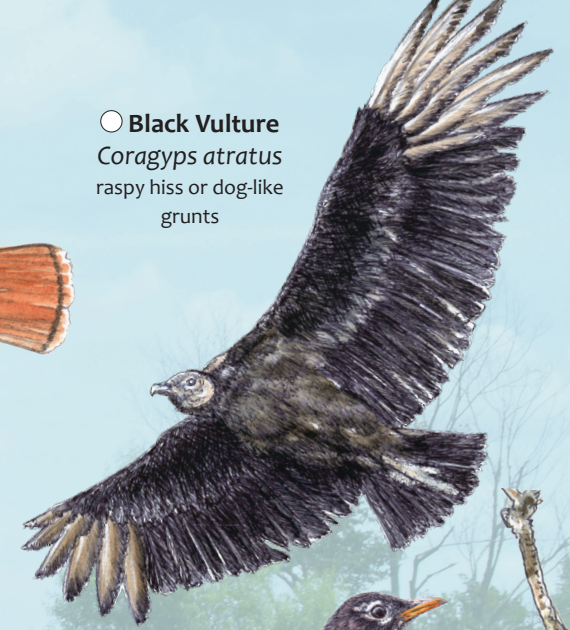
Check off the birds you find
on your hike today!



○ **Red-tailed Hawk**
Buteo jamaicensis
hoarse, screaming
“kee-eeee-arr”



○ **Black Vulture**
Coragyps atratus
raspy hiss or dog-like
grunts



○ **Carolina Chickadee**
Poecile carolinensis
“chickadeedeede”

○ **Red-winged Blackbird**
Agelaius phoeniceus
trilling “conk-la-ree”



○ **Mallard**
Anas platyrhynchos
quacking



○ **Northern Mockingbird**
Mimus polyglottos
varied phrases “krrDEE krrDEE
krrDEE, wikwikwikwik”



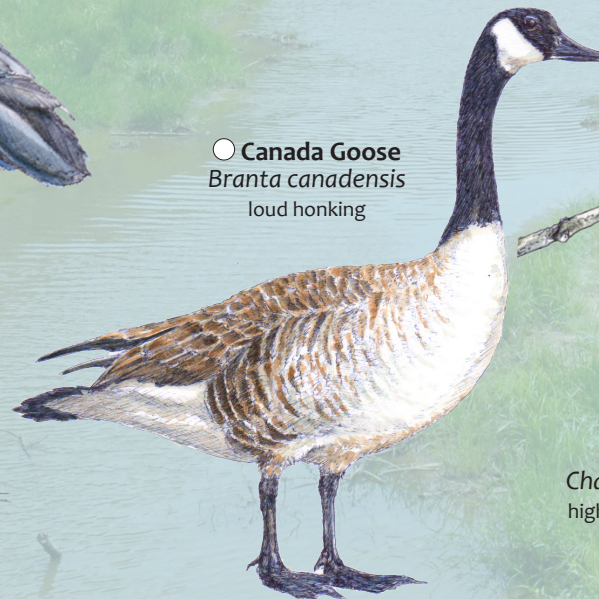
○ **American Robin**
Turdus migratorius
“plurri, kliwi, plurri, kliwi”



○ **Great Blue Heron**
Ardea herodias
various “squawks”



○ **Canada Goose**
Branta canadensis
loud honking



○ **Northern Cardinal**
Cardinalis cardinalis
“cheer, cheer, cheer”



○ **Killdeer**
Charadrius vociferus
high “kill-deer, kill-deer”



○ **American Crow**
Corvus brachyrhynchos
“caw, caw, caw”





Birds of Southeastern North Carolina

○ Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus
varied "pidaro pidaro pidaro"



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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and see if it has any of the following field marks:

● **wing bars**
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

● **tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

● **tail markings**
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?

● **Blue Jay**
Cyanocitta cristata
harsh "jayy"

● **nape**
Is the bird's nape a different color?

● **crown**
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

● **eyestripe**
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

● **eyebrow**
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

● **beak or bill**
What shape and color are the beak?

● **belly**
What color is the bird's belly?

● **side**
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

● **breast**
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

● **throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?

